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REMARKS

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Air Activity at Cottbus Airfield.

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6, 7 and 9 December. No air activity was observed at the field.9 December. At 1145, 4 twin-jet aircraft individually crossed the field at an altitude of about 500 meters.10 December. Beginning at 0900, 3 Yak-16s circled individually over the field for 8 to 10 minutes. The take-offs and landings were made individually and at irregular intervals. Take-offs were also made by AN -2 aircraft which headed toward Neuhausen.11 to 28 December. There was no air activity except on 15 December when AN -2 aircraft made local individual flights of 8 to 10 minutes duration. On 14 December, 8 single-jet aircraft crossed over Cottbus at high altitudes. The aircraft individually headed toward the east. Two twin-jet aircraft were also seen crossing at an altitude of about 500 meters and heading in a southwesterly direction. On the other days, jet aircraft were heard sometimes crossing over Cottbus while flying above the clouds. <sup>1</sup>2. Training Course of the Athletic and Technical Associan in Neuhausen.

It was learned that no more aircraft (gliders) for the Athletic and Technical Association (GST) were to be built after 1 January 1955. Also if an aircraft crashes no replacement will be delivered. The plants which manufacture these gliders allegedly had received an order that they would manufacture street cars only in the future. It was further learned that a so-called pilot club consisting of 1 club leader and 3 or 4 flight instructors was to be established at Neuhausen airfield after 1 January 1955. All members of the GST who were in possession of the flight licenses C 1 and L 1 would be allowed to practice at the field at any day. <sup>2</sup>

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1. Comment. It is believed that two battalions of the Cottbus Aeroclub are still stationed at Cottbus airfield. <sup>25X1</sup> Little air activity was observed.

2. Comment. This is the first information that the manufacture of glider aircraft for the GST was cancelled and that a pilot club was to be established at Neuhausen airfield around 1 January 1955. <sup>25X1</sup>

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